

# QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

## What are the eligibility requirements?

- A diagnosis of end stage renal disease (ESRD).
- Must live in the state of Washington.
- Have gross income at or below 200% of the federal poverty level.
- Have assets at or below \$15,000. Excluded from this amount are your home, one car, and personal possessions.
- Must complete and submit to the kidney center, the Kidney Disease Program's Application of Eligibility. This application must be completed by you every year if you wish to be considered for eligibility for this program.



## How do you find out if you are eligible?

Ask the kidney center's financial counselor about the Kidney Disease Program (KDP).

The financial counselor will:

- Determine if you meet the KDP eligibility requirements,
- Help you complete a KDP Application for Eligibility,
- Request that you provide financial and other records to verify your information, and
- Will determine KDP eligibility and tell you if you qualify.

## What are covered ESRD-related services?

Services provided in treatment of kidney failure. All centers are required to offer at least center or home dialysis services and medications. At their option, contracting kidney centers may offer a variety of additional services. Ask your financial counselor at your kidney center what services are available to you.

Kidney transplant clients continue to be KDP eligible and receive assistance with cost of ESRD related services.

## How are services provided?

When you become a patient at a KDP contracted kidney facility and have KDP eligibility, this facility



will provide your ESRD services. If additional ESRD-related services are necessary that your facility cannot provide, they may refer you to another facility. Examples of such referrals may be for hospitalization, laboratory tests, or pharmacy.

## How Are Bills Paid?

All bills for covered services to you are compiled by the kidney center. These bills are submitted to KDP for payment after other primary medical sources, such as Medicare, have been billed. Your kidney center will be responsible for payment to medical facilities when your referral is a KDP covered ESRD related services. Payment cannot be paid directly to you or other noncontracted medical facilities.

## Where do I find a list of kidney centers that is contracted with KDP?

A list of kidney centers is included with this pamphlet. If the list is missing, ask your kidney center for a copy of the Kidney Disease Program's "Contracted Kidney Centers."

## Who do I talk to if I have questions about the Kidney Disease Program?

Talk to your financial counselor at your kidney center.

## What if the financial counselor cannot answer my questions?

You may call the Kidney Disease Program manager at (360) 725-1659.



Kidney Disease Program (KDP) is a state funded program that helps low-income residents with their high costs for treatment of end stage renal disease (ESRD) also known as kidney disease or kidney failure.

- KDP contracts with Medicare-approved kidney centers state-wide to provide services.
- KDP is administered in the Department of Social and Health Services, Medical Assistance Administration.

#### FAIR HEARING

If you do not agree with the Department of Social and Health Services decision, you may request a fair hearing.

For more information, the brochure General Information About Fair Hearing, DSHS 22-28(X), is available to you at your local Community Services Office.

#### NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

You cannot be denied medical care coverage because of race, color, creed, national origin, age, religion, sex, sexual preference, marital status, or the presence of any sensory, mental or physical impairment.



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